

## Saudi diplomat 'missing' in Iran

JEDDAH (AP) — Saudi diplomats in Tehran say they have not seen a colleague since he was injured in a fall from a window during a riot at the Saudi embassy, a Saudi Arabian newspaper reported Tuesday. The English-language Saudi Gazette also said that other Saudi diplomats may not be free to leave Iran. Attacks on Saudi and Kuwaiti diplomatic missions in Tehran followed the deaths of several hundred pilgrims — more than half of them Iranian — in violent riots July 31 in the Holy City of Mecca. Two diplomats in the Kuwait embassy and four in the Saudi embassy were taken captive that day, according to official reports. They have all been released with the exception of one Saudi diplomat, according to the reports. In telephone interviews, the Saudi diplomats in Tehran claimed to be in good condition eight days after their embassy was attacked by a mob, the paper reported. "We are good. We are good. Don't worry. Pray for us. We will be back," the Gazette quoted Charge d'Affaires Marwan Bashir Al Rumi as saying. The Gazette identified the missing man as political attaché Mosad Al Ghandi.

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## Paris urges end to row with Tehran

PARIS (R) — A solution to the diplomatic deadlock between France and Iran is held up over an Iranian demand that each country be allowed to leave six diplomats behind to look after their interests. French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said Tuesday, "What would be the meaning of a diplomatic rupture if six diplomats were left in place?" the minister said on French Radio. France, which broke diplomatic relations with Iran on July 17, wanted only a two-man team to remain, he said. He called for an end to the deadlock which has left 10 French nationals and 45 Iranians locked inside their respective embassy compounds for almost a month.

## Iranian defector shot dead

GENEVA (R) — a former Iranian military pilot, who deserted and sought asylum in Switzerland in February, was shot dead Monday night in a Geneva street by two men, police said Tuesday. The 36-year-old man, whose name was not released, was walking home with his pregnant wife when the gunmen shot him five times, police spokesman Jean-Claude Durot said. Police said the pilot had fled Iran in his plane to Iraq and came to Switzerland in February seeking asylum.

## U.S. calls on Israel to drop Lavi

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States on Tuesday urged Israel to abandon its costly Lavi fighter project which is being developed largely with American aid money. State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters the Lavi project, whose fate is due to be decided by the Israeli government next week, could not be funded within the budgeted \$3 billion annual U.S. aid to Israel. "Given the budgetary realities we and Israel face, we believe a decision to terminate the Lavi would be in the best interests of both our countries," he said.

## Saudis get 2 Hawk fighters

LONDON (AP) — The Saudi air force took delivery on Tuesday of its first two Hawk jets, part of a £5-billion (\$8-billion) order for military aircraft that is Britain's biggest-ever export contract. British Aerospace handed the logbooks of the first two Hawks to a Saudi representative in a ceremony at British Aerospace's Dunsfold air field near Guildford in Surrey, southwest of London. The Saudis, who turned to European plane-makers after the United States backed away from selling advanced jets to them, are buying 72 Tornado fighters, 30 Hawks for advanced training and 30 PC9 Turboprop trainers.

## UAE quits 4 organisations

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is withdrawing from four international organisations. UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan disclosed in decrees published on Tuesday. The decrees gave no reason, but sources said the move was in line with government policy to save money in view of lower oil earnings. The four organisations were the Arab Postal Federation, the Gulf Postal Federation, the International Organisation for Civil Protection and the Arab International Organisation for Social Defence against crimes.

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## Mine scare rockets in Gulf; Britain and France send hunters

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BRITAIN and France announced on Tuesday that they were sending minesweepers to protect their own vessels in the troubled waters of the Gulf as mines sown in the strategic waterway raised a new menace to shipping.

At least four mines were spotted on Tuesday bobbing around tankers in a crowded anchorage off Fujairah port of the United Arab Emirates in an area which was hitherto considered safe. It was the staging point for American-escorted tanker convoys entering the Gulf war zone area.

As Britain and France said they were sending minesweepers to the region, the United States announced it was trying to convince other nations to create an international minesweeping force. U.S. and Omani helicopters were scouring coastal waters of the Gulf of Oman on Tuesday after the four floating mines were spotted.

The hastily mounted search operation came just hours after an Omani navy scout helicopter spotted three mines and a ship's

crew reported a fourth, according to Gulf-based shipping sources.

The 274,347-tonne supertanker Texaco Caribbean struck a mine on Monday as it was manoeuvring to drop anchor 13 kilometres off Fujairah.

Iran has been widely blamed for planting the mines. Iranian leaders said earlier such mines were laid by "invisible bands" but added the strategic waters would remain "full of mines" as long as superpowers intervene in the region.

Reuter photographer Ulli Michel flew over the anchorage on Tuesday in a helicopter and saw two of the mines floating near anchored tankers while a UAE coastguard boat kept watch.

Witnesses told AP four heli-

copers were sweeping back and forth at low levels, but there was

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## U.S. fighter fires at suspected Iranian jet

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — A U.S. navy F-14 jet fighter, under orders to protect a U.S. surveillance plane, fired on a suspected Iranian jet that appeared to be preparing for an attack, administration sources and published reports say.

The sources, who demanded they not be identified, said Monday the incident occurred over the weekend, shortly after U.S. navy warships began escorting a group of three Kuwaiti oil tankers through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf.

The threatening aircraft apparently was not hit, the sources said.

Administration sources said only the U.S. jet fired "a missile" at the aircraft, but both the New York Times and the Washington Post reported Tuesday that two Sparrow air-to-air missiles were fired, with neither hitting a target.

The Pentagon refused to discuss the matter late Monday and the administration sources refused to be more specific about when or where the incident occurred.

The sources said, however, that the Navy F-14 jets had been ordered to protect a P-3 Orion surveillance plane. Those planes

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## Soviets confirm deploying mobile, rail-based missiles

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet official confirmed Tuesday that the Kremlin was deploying a new ICBM, but denied the move violates the SALT II treaty. U.S. officials say the new missiles can be launched from railcars.

Viktor P. Karpov, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's disarmament desk, said his country was changing obsolete launching equipment by deploying strategic rockets known to Western analysts as SSX24s.

However, Mr. Karpov told a government news briefing that "the Soviet Union, while carrying out modernisation of its strategic armaments, is doing it in conformity with SALT II."

U.S. officials said last week that SSX24s had been moved from the factory where they were produced to railcars, which could move the intercontinental ballistic missiles with multiple warheads for each superpower.

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In its annual report, "Soviet Military Power," the Pentagon predicted the missiles would be

## Tanker convoy reaches Kuwait

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Three reflagged Kuwaiti tankers and their U.S. navy escorts reached Kuwait safely on Tuesday after skirting a mine along their route up the Gulf, shipping sources said.

They said four U.S. warships turned over the tankers to the Kuwait navy at the limit of the emirate's territorial waters at around 1330 GMT after an 880-kilometre trip delayed about 36 hours by discovery of a mine.

In Washington, the Defense Department announced the safe arrival of the convoy, the second under a U.S. scheme to protect Kuwaiti shipping from Iranian attack.

The convoy steamed through the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday but halted near Bahrain on Sunday when the U.S. navy detected Iranian naval activity in the northern Gulf.

"If a belligerent plane or ship put itself in a position from which it could develop a lethal attack, the commander of an American ship or plane was authorised... to make a determination that hostile intent had been exhibited and to take appropriate action," Mr. Weinberger said.

The sources said this year and said the weapon would be capable of delivering 10 nuclear warheads within 10,050 kilometres.

The most important feature of the weapons is its mode of deployment on railway cars that could travel around the country, creating difficulties for U.S. spy satellites seeking Soviet targets for U.S. missiles.

Mr. Karpov said the missiles'

mobility was "a guarantee that they will survive a first strike, if a first strike is delivered on our territory."

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, a Republican, charged Friday that the Soviets violated a key portion of the unratified 1979 SALT treaty by deploying the SSX24s.

Karpov, however, told reporters the Soviet Union was continuing to adhere to SALT II limits, which he said establish a ceiling of 820 land-based ballistic missiles with multiple warheads for each superpower.

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# Chad calls on Libya to pull out of Aouzou

**ABIDJAN**, Ivory Coast (AP) — Chadian Foreign Minister Goura Lassou says his country is determined to hold territory seized from Libya in the disputed Aouzou Strip.

"We firmly believe we have to do everything necessary ... to recover our territorial integrity," Mr. Goura Lassou told Ivory Coast television following talks Monday with President Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

Tripoli has occupied the mineral-rich strip, a band of desert between northern Chad and southern Libya, for 14 years.

Although its forces were driven out of northern Chad in March, Libya claims it owns the strip under a pre-World War II treaty between France and Italy, the two countries' former colonial rulers. Italy never ratified the agreement, and France invalidated it.

According to the Chadian government, fighting erupted Saturday morning when Libyan troops attacked a Chadian desert post near Bardai, about 145 kilometres south of the Libyan border.

On Monday, Chad Radio reported that Libyan warplanes attacked Chadian troop positions in the Aouzou in the second day of aerial bombing in retaliation for the weekend attack.

"We know there are still great threats (to us) because there is a big Libyan base not far from there (Aouzou)," Mr. Lassou said.

But he said that since the administrative centre of Aouzou is in a mountainous area, it is very difficult to attack.

"From this locality one can defend the rest of the territory," Mr. Lassou said. "We think the Libyans must think about this and see to it that peace returns between our two peoples."

Mr. Lassou's remarks made clear that Libyans continued to occupy the northern portion of the strip.

Chad says Libya has been carrying out "incessant" bombing attacks on the recaptured areas and that Libyan jets bombed the

feared by Libya since Mr. Qadhafi took power in a 1969 coup. Western military sources say the retreating Libyan army left behind hundreds of millions of dollars worth of sophisticated military weapons.

Western diplomatic and military sources put Libyan troop strength in northern Chad at 10,000. Chadian sources in Paris estimated there were 15,000 troops in the region.

Libya appeared ready Tuesday to exploit its air superiority to attack towns deep inside Chad territory.

The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies said in late 1986 Libya had 489 combat aircraft, including 200 Soviet-made Tupolev TU-22 bombers. Chad had two.

Chad captured some Libyan military hardware, including aircraft, when it took two airbases in March. But its forces are untrained in modern warfare and the country remains dependent on France for air defence assistance.

France has 1,200 men backed by Jaguar bombers and Mirage fighters in Chad. Their action, however, has been largely restricted to the south of the country.

Excluding casualties from the Aouzou action, military sources said more than 3,000 Libyans have been killed in Chad this year.

Mr. Habre announced a new cabinet Monday which included several former rebel leaders, though he retained the defence portfolio.

The cabinet changes followed months of fruitless reconciliation talks with deposed President Goukouni Oueddei, who has been living in exile in Algiers since he broke with Libya in February.

Chad Radio said former rebel leader Abdul Kadar Wadel Kamougue would hold the post of agriculture minister in the new cabinet. Col. Alphonse Kotiga, a former leader of a southern rebel group, was named to head the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

## Shatilla residents appeal to Syria

**BEIRUT** (AP) — Some 300 Palestinians demonstrated at a Syrian military checkpoint at the Shatilla refugee camp on Tuesday, calling on Syria to allow the reconstruction of the devastated shantytown before winter.

The demonstrators, including women and children, brandished placards that appealed to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to permit reconstruction materials to enter Shatilla in Syrian-controlled west Beirut.

One placard read: "Hafez, Hafez, reconstruction of the camps is a nationalist and patriotic duty." Others said: "Hafez Al Assad, lift the (military) siege of Shatilla," and "the siege continues while the winter season is coming."

The protesters, chanting "Brothers should not allow the continuation of the siege," also staged a two-hour sit-in near the Syrian checkpoint at Shatilla's southern entrance.

Syrian troops, who deployed in west Beirut last Feb. 22 to curb lawlessness, have lifted a Lebanese militia siege of Shatilla and the sprawling Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp in April.

But they have been forbidding reconstruction materials from reaching either shantytown.

Canadian surgeon Chris Giannou, who works at the Shatilla hospital, also complained of the lack of reconstruction: "The residence of the doctors and nurses has great gaping holes in the ceiling and in the walls. When

the rain falls we'll have no place to live."

The 38-year-old physician from Toronto, who has not left the camp since October 1985, spoke in an interview at Shatilla's only hospital.

He said the reconstruction of Shatilla should be dealt with separately from the political differences between fighters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Syrian-backed Fatah.

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## Mine blast off Fujairah poses new problem for U.S. convoy

**BAHRAIN (R)** — A mine that blasted a supertanker outside the Gulf was apparently aimed at American warships and could further disrupt U.S. escort plans for Kuwaiti vessels, Western military sources said Tuesday.

They said the damage to the 274,347-ton Texaco Caribbean Monday could persuade the U.S. Navy to switch from the anchorage point used to assemble convoys for the run through treacherous Gulf waters to oil-producing Kuwait.

But heavy monsoon swells outside the Gulf leave few alternative staging areas for U.S. warships and could hamper the escort operations considerably.

The Texaco tanker hit the mine 12 miles off the United Arab Emirates (UAE) port of Fujairah, very close to the anchorage used by the United States to form its first two convoys of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

"You have to work on the assumption the mine was laid by Iran and aimed at the U.S. fleet that forms up off Fujairah," said one military source. "The chance of it drifting there by accident are one in a million."

Three more mines were spotted in the same area Tuesday and shipping sources said the U.S. Navy was sending experts to identify them and establish bow long they had been in the water.

The Gulf of Oman had been regarded as a safe haven for shipping and the Texaco Caribbean blast caused alarm in the world tanker market.

Military sources said it seemed most likely the mines were dropped over the side of small Iranian boats in the area.

In mid-year strong currents in the Gulf of Oman flow north and would not carry mines down from the Strait of Hormuz where Iran had naval manoeuvres and practised mine-laying last week.

The American-owned Texaco tanker, flying the Panamanian flag and chartered by a Norwegian company, was loaded with Iranian crude when the mine ripped a hole in its hull.

The sources said Iran would hardly have targeted a vessel carrying its own oil, reinforcing the theory that the mine was laid by the government in his conduct of the war.

Sharon, now trade minister, told state radio he decided to tell his story to coincide with the fifth anniversary this month of the evacuation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) from Beirut after the Israeli invasion.

He said he did not believe Israel's deepening Lebanon involvement in 1983 prompted Prime Minister Menachem Begin to resign. Begin withdrew mysteriously from public life, saying only: "I can't take it any more."

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## U.S. carrier group in Alexandria

**CAIRO (AP)** — A five-ship U.S. Navy carrier group has arrived for joint military exercises that Egypt and the United States will hold starting Saturday, an American spokesman said Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, the Egyptian government said press coverage will not be allowed for the exercises, which will include amphibious landings near the Mediterranean port of Alexandria on Sunday.

Accompanying the Saratoga

were the Virginia, a nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser, the guided-missile destroyer William V. Pratt, the destroyer Conolly and the frigate Bowen.

The spokesman said the group

was making a "routine port call" at Alexandria before joining in the joint six-day Bright Star '87 Manoeuvres that will involve naval, air and ground forces.

These will be the fourth in the series of Bright Star war games held by the United States and Egypt every two years since 1981. Their aim is to give Egyptian forces the benefit of U.S. military skills and give U.S. forces combat experience in Middle Eastern terrain and climate.

Col. Nagi Tobani, the Egyptian army's spokesman, announced this month's manoeuvres at a news conference on July 28. He said the number of participating U.S. troops will be the same as in 1985, when more than 9,000 troops from each side took part.

Col. Tobani said Bright Star '87 "will provide an opportunity

for U.S. and Egyptian forces to engage in combined land, naval and air training."

Col. Tobani indicated that the press would be able to cover parts of the manoeuvres and distributed detailed schedules of events to be covered. The government press office said Tuesday, however, that the military now has decided that the press will be barred throughout the exercise.

No explanation was given for the change of heart. But it appeared to reflect a desire to keep the war games at a low profile, possibly because of increased tension in the Gulf where the U.S. Navy has been deployed.

The U.S. embassy spokesman said information from the American side will have to come from the Pentagon in Washington.

**Kahane sets up militia training camp for teenagers**

**TEL AVIV (R)** — Israeli members of parliament expressed outrage over the disclosure Tuesday that 60 Jewish teenagers have been training with high-powered weapons at a camp set up by anti-Arab Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The parliamentarians demanded that the police arrest the organisers after a picture in the daily Yediot Achronot showed one of a dozen yellow-shirted followers of Kahane's Kach Party learning to fire an Uzi sub-machine-gun in a Jerusalem forest.

New York-born Kahane, a parliamentarian, told Reuters the week-long camp was part of a three-year-old Kach Party programme under which youths aged 14 to 16 learned to operate high-powered rifles while studying sacred Jewish texts.

"Our youngsters are being trained to realise this is a country that will never have peace and is surrounded by an implacable enemy," Kahane said.

Parliamentarian Ran Cohen of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement said the camp threatened Israeli democracy and violated laws that only the security forces could offer weapons training.

"I expect the police and security forces will arrest those responsible, investigate their intentions and suppress any possibility that a political army would emerge that aims to damage democracy and the existence of a Jewish state," Cohen said.

Kahane, who campaigns for the expulsion of the two million Arabs under Israeli occupation, said the training was legal.

"Half the time is spent studying the Torah, half the time legally training with weapons," Kahane said. "We want to put out a scholar-warrior."

## U.S. sends powerful cruiser to Gulf

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The navy dispatched one of its most powerful warships over the weekend to assist a group of Kuwaiti tankers and other navy vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, the Pentagon has said.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims said the Aegis-class cruiser Valley Forge had been detached from the battle group of the Aircraft Carrier Constellation to

the strait for mine-sweeping operations.

"You could certainly assume that one of the threats we're most concerned about ... is the mine threat," Mr. Sims said.

The cruiser shadowed three Kuwaiti tankers and three other navy warships during the initial phase of the convoy, before steaming back through the strait later Saturday into the Gulf of Oman, Mr. Sims said.

The deployment of the Valley Forge was the first for an Aegis cruiser into the Gulf.

The Aegis-class ships are considered the most potent air-defence vessels in the world. Each is equipped with a unique "wrap-around" radar system that allows the ship to "see" in all directions at once. They also carry long-range missiles for use against any type of aerial threat.

Mr. Sims, breaking the official silence over the latest convoy operation, also disclosed Monday that Iranian aircraft as well as an Iranian Navy frigate had kept the

convoy under surveillance during its passage through the strait.

All the U.S. Navy ships went to battle stations for the transit, he added.

The spokesman said the convoy's passage through the troubled waterway had been deliberately slowed to allow mine-sweeping operations.

"You could certainly assume that one of the threats we're most concerned about ... is the mine threat," Mr. Sims said.

The convoy has gone at varying speeds; it has paused; it has stopped; it has varied its course and speed; it has done a number of things in the course of the transit to take care of the operational concerns that we have, which include mines."

The spokesman refused to discuss how mine-sweeping operations were being conducted in the area, particularly since a ship of navy mine-sweeping choppers has yet to arrive in the Gulf.

The navy does have some underwater demolition teams and sonar gear already in the Gulf, however, and Saudi Arabian minesweepers have provided some assistance over the past month.

Mr. Sims refused to elaborate on the decision to deploy, the sources added.

## Sharon denies misleading officials on Lebanon invasion

**TEL AVIV (Agencies)** — Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, vowing finally to tell his version of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, denied Tuesday misleading the government in his conduct of the war.

Sharon, now trade minister, told state radio he decided to tell his story to coincide with the fifth anniversary this month of the evacuation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) from Beirut after the Israeli invasion.

He said he did not believe Israel's deepening Lebanon involvement in 1983 prompted Prime Minister Menachem Begin to resign. Begin withdrew mysteriously from public life, saying only: "I can't take it any more."

"Israeli army commanders and junior officials knew months and even years ahead what was ex-

pected of them in case a war broke out against the PLO. It was the most carefully prepared war in the existence of the Israeli army," Sharon said.

Israel invaded Lebanon with the declared aim of driving Palestinian commandos away from northern Israel.

The Begin government came under fire when Israeli troops broke through a self-declared 40-kilometre line north of their border to advance on a key highway linking Damascus to Beirut. Sharon was accused of misleading cabinet.

"All individuals connected with this matter and more than a few who were unconnected in the government, the opposition, the media and the United States knew exactly the aims of the war," Sharon told the radio.

"In my opinion there is no

connection between the resignation of Mr. Begin — about which I am sorry — and this justified war in Lebanon," Sharon said.

Some Israelis speculate Begin quit because he was upset over his wife's death or rising casualty rates in Lebanon.

More than 650 soldiers died during a three-year occupation of Lebanon. Israel withdrew the bulk of its troops in June 1985.

Sharon was forced to resign as defence minister in 1983 after a judicial inquiry found him indirectly responsible for the Beirut massacres in September 1982 of Palestinian refugees by Falangist militiamen.

In the radio interview, Sharon said he would disclose how military and political decisions were reached at the time during a speech to the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

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In a book entitled the Lebanon War, Israeli military correspondents Zev Schiff and Ehud Yaari criticised Sharon for misleading Israel's cabinet and then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin about his intention to go behind the 40-kilometre line, which resulted in clashes with the Syrians.

On knew the ultimate goal of the invasion and army commanders did not perform as well as might be expected because they were not told of the plan to go to Beirut.

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## Butros preparing for new role as ambassador to U.K.

By LAMIS K. ANDONI  
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AMMAN — Dr. Albert Butros, the distinguished Jordanian academician, researcher, English language and social science scholar, is soon to assume his new post as Jordan's ambassador to Britain.

Despite the fact that Dr. Butros has served in a number of important public positions in Jordan, including that of the president of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), and of special advisor to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the new post represents a dramatic shift in his life.

A holder of a doctorate in English language from Columbia University and a member of a number of prestigious international scientific and educational bodies, Dr. Butros has so far led a remarkably low-profile life.

Thus, when the Jordan Times contacted Dr. Butros for an interview, he was reluctant at first saying "that it was still premature for me to speak about a post and a responsibility I have not assumed yet."

He was finally convinced when it was explained that the idea was to discuss how an academic, who has not been directly involved in politics, perceived the role of an ambassador.

The interview took place at Dr. Butros' house, behind the University of Jordan, where the veteran professor had spent a large part of his life teaching English literature to generations of young Jordanians and had served twice as the dean of the English Department from 1967-73 and again from 1974-76.

His wife and four daughters were clearly bracing themselves for the new change as boxes of belongings were neatly stacked



Dr. Albert Butros

around the house.

Dr. Butros, although calm and self-restrained, sounded enthusiastic, confident yet also cautious, as he discussed, his future responsibility.

"A change of my career direction is not exactly new for me," he said. "Over the years, I shifted among a number of positions which were sometimes very different in terms of the responsibility and duties, he added.

Since his graduation from Columbia University in 1963, he has taught English at all levels, from elementary schools in Amman to universities in America and Britain.

Dr. Butros assumed his first public post in 1976 as president and director general of the RSS and stayed there until 1984 when he became a special advisor to the Crown Prince.

Dr. Butros hopes that his experience in public life will help him fulfill his role successfully as an ambassador to his country.

"On the surface, it (being an ambassador) might look entirely new, but when one looks deeply into the situation and considers what is expected from an ambassador, one finds that while diplomatic experience counts for a great deal, general experience in public life counts for a great deal also," he argued.

"I have had some of that in public service and especially in association with the Crown Prince," he said.

There is no doubt that there are scores of examples of non-career diplomats who did exceptionally well in this field. The Jordanian diplomatic and press corps still remember the former Pakistani ambassador, Ihsan Rashid, who was a respected academic who became a successful diplomat when his country called upon him.

In Dr. Butros view, there are many qualities which contribute to the making of an effective ambassador. "An ambassador has to be a general man of culture and a man of world affairs," he observed.

Experience in public administration could be very helpful for a successful diplomat, but other personal qualities are also relevant, he argued. The personal features could include "patience and tact," he said.

"But most of all, the diplomat has to have what I would call common sense," the future diplomat observed.

"I hope that I have some of these qualities," he said, "and I hope they will come in handy."

Despite Dr. Butros' rather understated assessment of his abilities his impressive record in public service and his contributions to the works of international organisations clearly indicate his humanitarian and cosmopolitan nature.

After all, Dr. Butros was and still is a member of a number of distinguished regional and international institutions and organisations. These include the Science Advisory Committee of ALESCO, and the executive committee of the World Associa-

tion of Industrial and Technological Research. He chaired a consultative group of experts on science and technology policy for the United Nations Education, Culture and Science Organization (UNESCO) between 1981 and 1983.

Dr. Butros' contributions to scientific and cultural causes have been recognised at home and by the international community. He has received the Order of Merit (Grande Officiale) from Italy. In 1986, he was admitted as a fellow to the prestigious World Academy of Art and Sciences.

Dr. Butros is now hoping to do equally well by serving his country's interests in London, a post that is considered one of the most important in the Jordanian foreign diplomatic service.

Yet until that is achieved, he believes that it is the responsibility of Arab ambassadors to make clear the Arab positions.

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Although Dr. Butros, who was born in Jerusalem in 1934, evaded discussing any specific

political views, it was evident throughout the interview that he felt strongly about the need to clarify the Arab stands to international public opinion.

He conceded, however, that the Arab countries have not been very effective influencing world public opinion and he blamed this failure on inter-Arab division. "Unfortunately, we do not have one voice," he noted.

He expressed the view that Jordan should strive to develop "an information consensus to overcome this problem ... exactly just as the Kingdom is now seeking to achieve Arab consensus on the major Arab issues."

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Dr. Butros is expected to leave for London on August 12.

## Masri: Foreign naval presence needed to counter Iranian threat

By Rabah Mangi  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said Tuesday that Jordan in principle does not welcome the presence of foreign naval forces in Arab territorial waters, but Iran's misbehaviour has created a justification for this presence.

"Speaking in interview with the Jordan Times" and the Arabic daily Al Ra'a, the minister described Kuwait's resort to reflagging its oil tankers as a form of protection for its ships from possible Iranian attacks.

"In fact, it was a clever solution for the problem, helping to ensure a continuous flow of life in the Arab Gulf region," the minister said.

Commenting on Moscow's views about the presence of foreign fleets in the Gulf, Mr. Masri said he "supports the Soviet Union's call for a withdrawal of all naval forces from that area once Iran has stopped its threats to oil tankers."

On the proposed international Middle East peace conference, Mr. Masri denied the proposal has reached a dead end.

He said there were no practical alternatives for the proposed conference, and all that has been reported was no more than "theoretical options" on the diplomatic scene.

"The proposed conference is the only means of arriving at a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict in the light of the diplomatic and international considerations inside and outside this region," Mr. Masri said.

Commenting on the rejection of the conference idea by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and on the U.S. stand vis-a-vis the conference, Mr. Masri said the idea of the conference has won the support of many nations and many people in Israel itself.

"The longer the delay in holding the conference, the more complicated matters become," the minister said. The chance of holding the conference before the end of 1987 could improve once Israel's rejection, which is the biggest stumbling block, is re-

moved, he said.

Mr. Masri described a visit by an envoy of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to Israel as an attempt to persuade Shamir to accept the idea of the international conference.

Mr. Masri also expressed fear of further delay in holding the conference and said, "if we reach positive steps leading to the convening of the conference, we might encounter negative steps and events that might lead to adverse results."

Asked to comment on the present level of political coordination between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Mr. Masri said there is no political coordination between the two sides and the level of relations remains unchanged. He said the Jordanian-PLO relations are "neutralised" and political contacts between them, although they exist, are not intensive.

Asked to comment on statements by PLO members that the organisation might enter into a separate peace with Israel, Mr. Masri said the PLO leadership has denied such statements which, though coming from PLO members, could not mean that the PLO would follow this course of action. Mr. Masri expressed the view that a solution for the Palestine question should take place within a pan-Arab framework in which the PLO should participate as a main party but that it should not reach a unilateral solution with Israel.

The minister said the PLO has rejected the idea of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian team to the international Middle East peace conference. However, he said, "I still think the PLO's stand with regard to the proposed conference is somewhat ambiguous."

Jordan believes a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in the conference is the most ideal solution for what Mr. Masri termed "practical considerations." Mr. Masri referred to a statement by the PLO's executive committee following the abrogation of the Amman accord which stated that the PLO was still adhering to the principles of that accord.

## JSMC holds 2-day meeting to review company issues

AQABA (J.T.) — The Jordan-Syrian Maritime Company (JSMC) opens a two-day meeting in Damascus today to review the company's operations and cooperation between Jordan and Syria in maritime transport.

The foreign minister referred to Jordan's role in being about reconciliation between Iraq and Syria and described Jordan's stand as one seeking agreement between the two sides because Jordan has a basic interest in this respect.

"Jordanian proposals have been well received by both sides as they carry real weight," he said.

Mr. Masri also noted that Jordan's endeavours in this respect have achieved progress and appreciation, but added that progress has not been up to the level of efforts exerted in this direction.

Jordan and Syria own cargo vessels which transport goods to and from Aqaba and Latakia, Syria as well as various European, Asian and African countries.

The company, based in Latakia, owns two cargo vessels Barada and Yarmouk. Officials from both sides hold periodical meetings to review the company's operations, plan future expansion and prepare further programmes.

The minister cited the following issues as serving as a catalyst in the expected rapprochement: The Iran-Iraq war, the presence of foreign naval forces in the Gulf area, lack of a peaceful solution to the problem, the economic recession which has affected all Arab countries and problems facing different Arab countries.

Commenting on Tunisia's call for an Arab foreign ministers meeting to discuss the recent rioting in Mecca, Mr. Masri said Jordan was the first country to extend support for such a call.

"Jordan called different Arab states to coordinate Arab position at the coming meeting to be held in Kuwait on August 15," the minister said.

The bulletin said Jordan in April 1987 exported sheep, tomatoes, cucumbers, various types of vegetables, oranges, wheat, fodder concentrate, cigarettes, phosphate, cement, pharmaceutical products, chemical fertilisers, potash, chemical detergents, cotton, rayons and other products.

According to the bulletin, Jordan last April witnessed a drop in imports over figures released in March, by almost eight per cent. It said imports in March 1987 were worth JD 72.5 million.

At the same time, Jordan's exports in April 1987 increased by 19 per cent over those of April 1986 registering JD 18.7 million against JD 15.7 million in April. April's exports in 1987 also registered an increase over those of March 1987 by four per cent according to the bulletin.

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According to the bulletin, the following countries purchase products from Jordan: Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Egypt, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, China, Japan, Taiwan, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Jordan also purchased a large variety of products from Arab and foreign countries last April, including meat, milk, apples, crude oil, medicine, tyres, timber, textiles, clothing, sheet metal, aluminum products, vehicles, furniture, and spare parts for aircraft.

The company currently supplies 65,000 Arabs and 35,000 Jews with electric power. Mr. Khatib, who was deported by the Israeli authorities, said gradual encroachment on Arab rights goes hand in hand with Israel's plans to swallow up Arab land and build Jewish settlements.

Israel has prevented the firm from buying new equipment and has forced it to purchase from Israel 90 per cent of the electricity it distributes to subscribers. Mr. Khatib expressed fear that the Israeli move will lead to lay-offs of many JDEC employees and is bound to reduce the company's revenues.

The Arab company, which employs some 450 people, has a debt of \$20 million.

## Scare over mines rockets in Gulf

(Continued from page 1)  
warships and commercial vessels, but not to help the U.S. navy protect oil tankers.

Defence Secretary George Younger said Britain changed its mind about sending minesweepers after Tuesday's discovery of new mines in the Gulf.

The four minesweepers and a support vessel will take five weeks to reach the Gulf to augment the longstanding armilla patrol of three "royal" navy warships which has been protecting British vessels.

Mr. Younger stressed the British minesweepers would not join the U.S. navy in escorting reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Britain has prided itself on keeping a low profile for its military force in the Gulf, but the addition of minesweepers will raise that low profile.

Twelve days ago, Britain turned down a U.S. request for minesweeping assistance from the Indian Ocean to the Indian Ocean to help protect French shipping in the Gulf region after the discovery of mines outside the waterway.

He said the two minesweepers and a supply vessel would join the aircraft carrier Clemenceau and three escort ships now in the Gulf of Aden after a 13-day journey from France.

Mr. Younger said the ships would "reinforce" the French naval array in the Indian Ocean.

The aircraft carrier Clemenceau, along with an oiler and two missile-launching frigates, was dispatched July 30 from Toulon on the Mediterranean coast.

"News of further mining in the Gulf area over the last 48 hours shows that a new situation has arisen," Mr. Younger told reporters at the Ministry of Defence.

"There is an increased danger from mines in the armilla patrol's operational area.

The government has therefore decided to equip the armilla patrol with a minesweeping capability to enable it to continue to carry out its route.

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### The need to keep calm

THERE are two reasons why the Gulf situation is now considerably more alarming than it was two weeks ago. One is that the Meccan tragedy has brutally intensified the polarisation of the region — offering the hideous prospect of a wider Arab-Iranian conflict which would also have a Sunni-Shi'ite character. The other reason for alarm is the now apparent lack of political and strategic foresight in the U.S. intervention.

All these concerns should not allow the essential purpose of the one positive factor in recent weeks — U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 — to be forgotten. This is the ending of an atrocious seven-year war. The position now is that severe international pressure is being placed upon Iraq not to resume maritime hostilities in the Gulf. If it agrees the situation will move inexorably to its disadvantage as Iran will be free to pursue the war on land. The Iranians continue their triumphalist declarations, intensified since the Mecca incident, which make them appear to be threatening the whole world, but the reality is that so far a skillful pragmatic strategy has predominated. Iran's U.N. representative Dr. Khorassani, while voicing his threats against Kuwait, has made it clear that Iran will not make the first move in a renewed tanker war. Even the closure of Iran's territorial waters for manoeuvres, while appropriately defiant, stops just short of the ultimate provocation. Meanwhile the use of mines perfectly suits Iran's purpose. They have already revealed the weakness of the mighty U.S. navy but even if one was to cause much more serious damage it could hardly justify some overwhelming counterstrike against Iranian missile sites or other land targets. It cannot even be proved that the mines were laid by Iranians. Although some members of the Reagan administration and substantial sections of the American public might be in favour of such action it would receive no international support and it would undoubtedly allow the Soviet Union to reap the benefit by adopting a position of moral superiority.

Iraq is faced with a visible dilemma. Iraqi spokesmen, such as the ambassador to London, Dr. Al-Anbari, argue vigorously that the West is now taking a wholly false perspective. While it is true that Iraq has been responsible for more attacks on shipping than Iran in the past, this has to be seen against the background of the war. The obvious response is that Iraq started the war and therefore cannot complain of an Iranian blockade. But here there are two points to be made. One is that while most of the world accuses Iraq of starting the war the Iraqis themselves vigorously dispute it. They have produced a large dossier in their support and expressed their willingness to accept the verdict of an impartial enquiry. The other very obvious point is that if Iraq started the war it is Iran that has insisted on continuing it for the past five years.

The attitude of the U.S. is cause for concern because although it sponsored the Resolution it does not seem to accept the implications of a truly international effort to end the war. There have always been suspicions that Washington's prime aim was to recover lost prestige and the confidence of its friends after its reverses in Lebanon and the shame of frangate. But another clear objective is to "keep out the Russians." Some have even suggested that the real U.S. goal is to force the reluctant GCC states to provide it with land bases although it is doubtful Washington's thinking has this degree of coherence.

There are some encouraging signs of a fall in the U.S. temperature. Hoping that the Iranians would provide the necessary provocation to "teach the Ayatollah a lesson" never made sense because it would certainly do no such thing. But the latest move to supplement 598 with an arms embargo, while admirable in its aims, makes complete nonsense if it is combined with a policy of snubbing the Soviet Union — Middle East International, London.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: Unified hopes and aspirations

THE Jordanian family today celebrates one of the dearest occasions: that of the anniversary of His Majesty the King's coronation. The Jordanian family has been living with its leader for the past 35 years which were characterised by devotion, struggle and loyalty. King Hussein embarked on the long march towards achieving prosperity for his country as soon as he was crowned king 35 years ago. His leadership has been characterised with determination, total commitment and heroic struggle to bring about a better life for Jordanians. By celebrating this occasion, the Jordanian family remembers the achievements realised under King Hussein over the past years. This country has been able to fulfil many of its aspirations under the wise leadership of King Hussein whose struggles on the domestic, pan-Arab and international levels are indeed exemplary. This occasion comes as the Jordanian family is celebrating the wedding of King Hussein's second son Prince Faisal. The two occasions remind us that the King is keen on bringing joy to his small and large family together, thus further cementing ties between them and unifying their hopes and aspirations for a better future.

#### Al Dustour: Occasion for rejoicing

JORDANIANS are rejoicing today over the 35th occasion of King Hussein's coronation, one that reminds us of the King's inheritance of the standards of the Great Arab Revolt and its principles and objectives. As the Jordanians celebrate this occasion, they review the major achievements of the Kingdom under King Hussein's leadership and they take pride in the successful march and the prosperity achieved under his reign. Thanks to King Hussein's wise leadership and relentless efforts on all fronts, the Kingdom has been standing as an oasis of security and stability amidst a troubled region and serving as a workshop of construction and development and as a bridge of understanding among Arab states. The King's endeavours at the leadership of his people has resulted in bringing up Jordan into a respectable position, assuming a unique place within the Arab World. Jordan would not have enjoyed its present prosperity had it not been protected by its armed forces which serve as a shield defending the nation.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Long strides towards progress

EVER since he was coronated, King Hussein has been sparing no effort in his continued service for his nation. Ever since he assumed his powers at the helm of the Kingdom, King Hussein has been known to be brave, resolute and patient and seeking the achievement of justice. King Hussein assumed responsibility of his country at a very early age and has been working day and night, supported by the allegiance of his people and their affection and diligence behind his leadership. Under King Hussein's reign, the Kingdom has achieved many economic and social advances, exemplary in the Arab World despite the numerous challenges and the meagre resources of the country. On the domestic front, industry, agriculture, education and construction and health have been promoted and developed, and on the pan-Arab level, Jordan under King Hussein has been held in esteem. King Hussein came to the help of Arab countries in the 1956, 1967 and 1973 wars against Israel and continues to support Iraq in its war with Iran.



## Mounting cost of living in Turkey is a major challenge to Ozal

By Paul Bolding  
Reuter

ANKARA — Driving through mud hut villages in central Anatolia, it is hard not to smile as the radio reports a claim by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal that Turkey has joined the ranks of the developed European nations.

Poverty, by Western standards, is rife and the cost of living is the major political issue working against Ozal as he looks to general elections 15 months away at most.

But such blustering statements are the trademark of the jovial 59-year-old premier, who can rightly claim to have presided over a far-reaching modernisation of the economy and to have made Turkey a moderately important trading force.

He has also brought electricity to the villages but homes have few implements with which to use it and no mains water nor sewerage. Conditions are similar in the shanty suburbs of large towns.

Per capita annual national income has not risen from around \$1,100 since Ozal came to power and a Turkey/World Food Programme agreement published last



Turgut Ozal

month put per capita income at \$320 in the five central and eastern provinces chosen for a project.

Across the country, peasants are currently threshing and winnowing wheat by methods unchanged in centuries to support a near-subsistence existence.

Ozal's comment as reported by the state radio came as he toured the country to expound his government's record ahead of a referendum on Sept. 6 on whether

to allow banned figures like ex-premiers Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit back into politics.

The message is that he has done far better than they did and without the turmoil and violence that wracked Turkey when they were in office in the late 1970s.

In the last three years, however, the income gap has visibly widened while complaints from Turks about the cost of living have become ever stronger.

High public spending and the failure to impose monetary controls have left inflation, at 37.7 per cent, slightly higher now than the day Ozal took office in December 1983.

A janitor making about double the minimum wage of \$85 a month said he found it tough to find the money for new clothes for his children.

"Life is very expensive. It is hard to get by," he said.

Promises of aid and industry for the impoverished south-east appear to have come to nothing while prestigious infrastructure projects like motorways and bridges have pushed up the national debt without directly benefiting the least privileged.

The rural dwellers who make

up half the population may not have got poorer but the middle class in towns find life tougher and the rich have become the very rich.

The number of expensive cars jamming the streets of Istanbul has exploded and costly satellite television systems have sprouted. Stores selling luxury clothes at Bond Street or Fifth Avenue prices do good business.

Ozal is acknowledged to be the most devout premier Turkey has had at a time when awareness of Islam is on the rise, but at the same time he is an economic technician of the Western mould.

He is also a politician with great tactical skill, charisma and ability as a speaker.

Despite a triple bypass heart operation last February he is indefatigable travelling the country to proclaim the achievements of his administration and trumpet Turkey's standing in the world.

Whether or not all this can get him re-elected, in spite of concern about the cost of living and in the face of a divided opposition, may well depend on whether the people vote to allow former leaders back into the political arena.

## North collaborator awaits sentencing in Iran-contra affair

By George Gedda  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Philippines President Corazon Aquino arrived for a state visit last September, she was accompanied by Richard Miller, then a rising star in this city's image-building business.

It was an ego-nourishing experience for Miller, a political conservative who in a short period had built from scratch a lucrative firm that specialised in promoting the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

But 11 months after jetting across the Pacific with Mrs. Aquino as her public relations aide, Miller finds himself under a mountain of debt, his company struggling for survival.

Most demoralising of all is the possibility that he may have to spend the next few years in jail for his work with former White House aide Oliver North on behalf of the contras.

Breaking a months-long silence, Miller, 34, described to the Associated Press what life has been like as one of the two men who have pleaded guilty in Iran-contra affair investigations.

"I've got to believe I know what an innocent man being executed feels like," he told two reporters at his second floor office at International Business Communications (IBC), where he often worked until after midnight on contra projects.

He said he had not communicated with North since February, and was told by Walsh's staff not to watch the public congressional hearings where North testified.

North told the congressional committee that he instructed Miller to set up an account in the Cayman Islands where money from Channell's contributors could be funnelled to the rebel cause.

The contras have said they received \$1.2 million directly from the Channell network, and it is still unclear what happened to the \$11 million that Channell raised on behalf of the rebels in 1985-86.

Miller said he handled about \$5 million that was raised by Channell, including the \$3.4 million he banded with North, and close to \$2 million that IBC spent on Channell's public relations and political projects. Miller denied reports that North directed those efforts.

If there is a silver lining to Miller's cloud, it is that he can go home earlier nowadays because the IBC doesn't have the clientele it used to.

"We still have a few clients and we refuse under pain of death to divulge their names for fear that people will go harass them," he said. "My dad would saw on a log all day if he knew he had to get up to it. And I do not give up, no matter what.

Maintaining a business-as-usual posture has been hard for

## Haiti unrest shows long haul to overcome legacy of dictators

By Alister Doyle  
Reuter

PONT-AU-PRINCE — Recent unrest is showing Haitians they may have to wait decades before overcoming legacy of poverty, corruption and ignorance left by a string of dictators, officials and diplomats say.

Elections are planned for this autumn and a civilian president is due to take over from the interim military-led government in 1988. By many think chronic underdevelopment will have to be tackled before democracy is viable.

Even government officials say it could take a generation to bring fair government to Haiti, rather than the two years set for the task when the last dictator, Jean-Claude Duvalier, fled in February 1986.

"We have a long way to go ... it'll probably take 25 years to have a stable democracy in Haiti," Information Ministry Press Secretary Pierre-Robert Auguste told Reuters. "But we must start right now to lay the basis of a democratic system."

The election at Duvalier's fall gave way to growing discontent with the interim government led by General Henri Namphy, which gave rise to the recent weeks of unrest.

Many Haitians, though still demonstrating in favour of greater democracy, have concluded that some form of authoritarian rule or military control is all but inevitable in coming years, diplomats say.

During bloody unrest over the past six weeks, troops have killed 37 civilians and wounded hundreds more. The army has been widely accused of killing at random to instill fear, a technique used by the Duvalier dynasty.

Both society and the economy seem on the brink of collapse after almost two centuries under dictators who propped themselves up through repression and corruption.

Most Haitians are jobless, fewer than 20 per cent can read, and the average Haitian expects to live just 54 years. Most are deeply superstitious and belief in voodoo cults magic potions and werewolves have a wide fol-



General Henri Namphy

Illnesses wiped out in most of the Third World are rife here, while Haitians have one of the highest incidences of the killer acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Doctors estimate that one in six Haitians may be carriers of the virus by 1991.

The economy, already the poorest in the Western Hemisphere, is stagnant.

The Caribbean state has few natural resources, the treasury has been pillaged by corruption, and large tracts of land may become desert as millions of trees were cut down for firewood.

Haiti has not had fair government since it became the world's first black republic in 1804, and dictators have deliberately held back development as a tool for subjugating the people, diplomats said.

Popular discontent has erupted in recent weeks as Haitians realise that jubilant expectations of quick improvement in Haiti after Duvalier left.

With a new-found freedom of expression, they have taken to the streets to vent pent-up anger in crippling nationwide strikes and protests to force the interim government to resign.

Protesters say the government violates the constitution and that it is in league with the Tonton Macoutes, the disbanded militia which terrorised opponents of the

Duvalier dynasty. The protests have taken on an increasing anti-American tinge, with many opposition leaders saying the government could not survive without Washington's support.

The Reagan administration is due to give Haiti \$100 million in aid this year, contingent on respect for human rights and democratic principles.

The United States used to say it supported Duvalier as an alternative to anarchy. Now it's doing the same thing all over again backing this government," Yves Comeau, one of the organisers of recent strikes, told Reuters.

Recent protests have led the government to back down from plans to take partial control of the coming polls, which the opposition charged would give it a blank check for electoral fraud, but no one seems to benefit from the recent unrest.

While the unrest continues, Haitians are going hungry, businesses are in trouble, foreign investors drawn by rock-bottom wages of three dollars a day are looking to put their money elsewhere, and tourists are being scared away.

"The country is losing what it gained in February 1986 when Duvalier left," Auguste said.

Kenneth Wootton, manager of a factory outside the capital making textiles for U.S. export, said, "we'll get out of business if things don't get better in the next two months."

In 1986 alone, the U.S. embassy here said Haiti lost an estimated 12,000 jobs from the export sector, and diplomats say the country is likely to lose many again this year.

Auguste of the Information Ministry said Haitians will need many years to learn how to organise political parties, how to use a free press, and to settle disputes without violence.

He said the armed forces, widely criticised for the recent civilian deaths, would also have to be educated.

"The forces of order are not too professional. They are excited, nervous and take little provocation to react violently."

## Sikh leaders' retreat throws open Punjab scene to militants' power

By Rajendra Bajpai  
Reuter

NEW DELHI — Sikh militants fighting for an independent homeland in Punjab now have a chance to prove that political power flows from the barrel of a gun.

Apparently afraid of the militants, top Sikh spiritual and political leaders have announced their temporary withdrawal from Punjab politics.

Their decision leaves the field open to the gun-wielding hardline separatists terrorising the north Indian Sikh-majority state of 16 million inhabitants.

Political analysts say it also leaves Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's central government in Delhi, which dismissed the state government last May, face-to-face with the extremists.

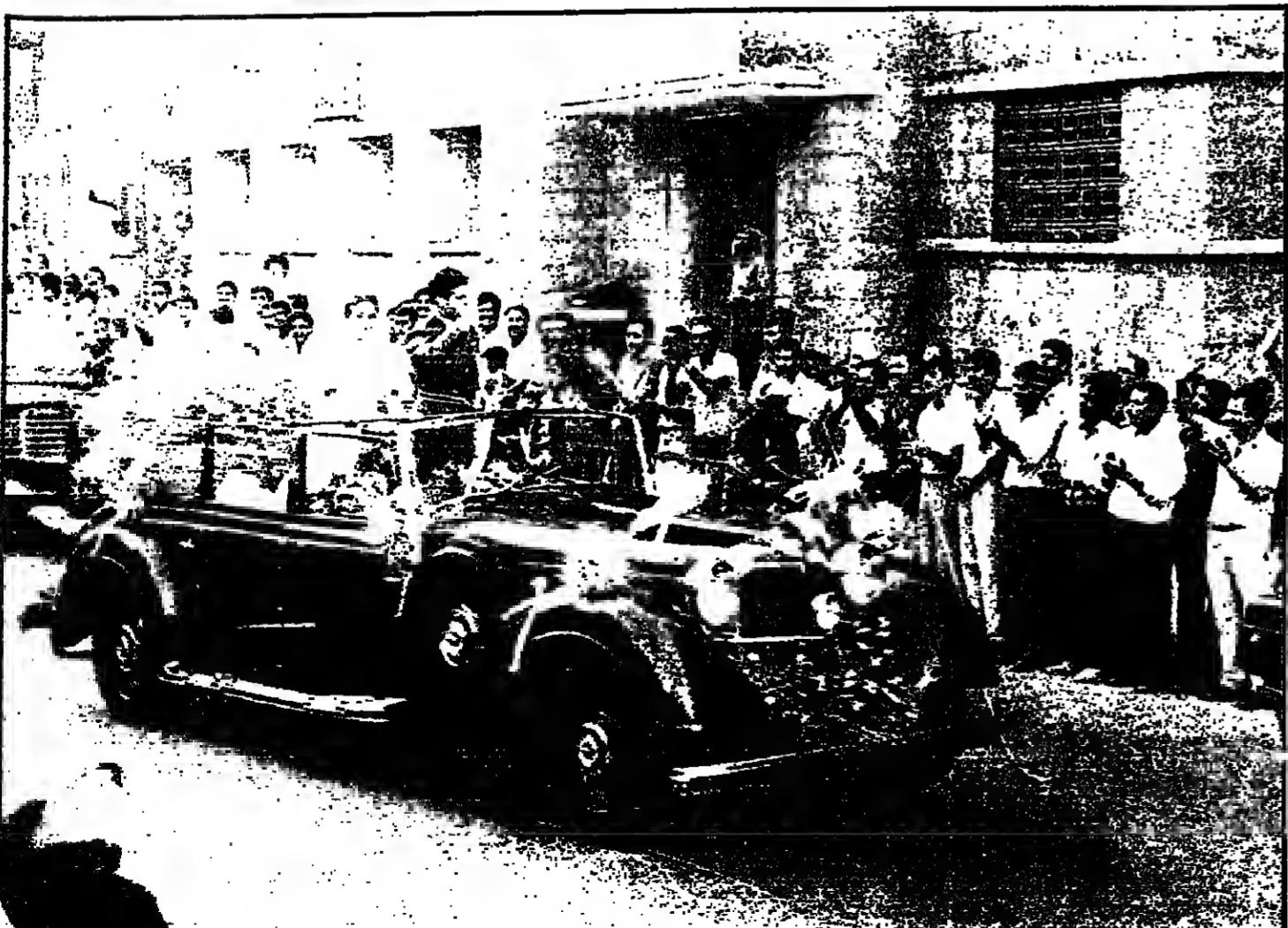


## Congratulations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Court was flooded Tuesday with cables of congratulations and good wishes to His Majesty King Hussein on the occasion of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein and Princess Alia wedding. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said public figures, heads of tribes and leaders of trade union federations wished the royal couple a happy married life and further prosperity under the care of His Majesty the King. Prince Faisal, the second son of the King, and Princess Alia got married on Monday in a ceremony that were attended by prominent figures from Arab and foreign countries.



Petra photos



## Nigeria secures hockey bronze; Zimbabwe, Kenya battle for gold

Hosts Kenya to take on experienced Egypt in All Africa Games soccer final

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya meet African champions Egypt in the All Africa Games soccer final on Wednesday which will pit the skill and experience of the well-drilled Egyptians against the raw enthusiasm of the Kenyans backed by their home crowd.

Both Egypt and Kenya, who are trained by foreign coaches, are still looking for their best performances in the tournament and can be thankful for several doses of good fortune on the way to the final in the Kasarani Stadium.

The Egyptians, whose image of slick professionalism took a severe beating in the eight-nation contest, will be seeking to prove they really are the undisputed soccer masters of the continent since they won the African Nations' Cup last year.

In contrast, Kenya are still searching for their first major soccer title but will have to live up to the expectations of a fiercely partisan home crowd, whose volatile response to success or failure can be as much a curse as a blessing.

The Kenyans, coached by West German Reinhardt Fahisch, can take some comfort in the fact that All Africa Games hosts have always won the soccer tournament — Congo in 1965, Nigeria in 1973 and Algeria in 1978.

But Kenya's record against Egypt is poor. The Egyptians

virtual certainties to win their last match — Zimbabwe against Tanzania and Kenya against bottom-of-the-table Zambia.

Zimbabwe has a three-goal edge going into Tuesday's matches but Kenya will have the double advantage of playing last against a side that has conceded 47 goals in five matches — 18 of them against Zimbabwe.

### Hockey

Nigeria upset Egypt 3-1 to snatch the bronze medal in the games hockey tournament on Tuesday as Kenya and Zimbabwe fought out a nail-biting finish to the battle for the gold.

Ritason Oddiri scored a hat-trick for Nigeria, putting his team one ahead in the first half and then scoring twice in the final minutes of the match to clinch the West Africans' victory.

Gamal Mohammad whacked home Egypt's lone goal half way through the second half in a sizzling fast and skilful match.

But it was merely a foretaste of the battle for the gold and the right to represent Africa in next year's Seoul Olympics which will almost certainly be decided a day or two goals.

Both Kenya and Zimbabwe have nine points from five matches — they drew 0-0 when they met last Thursday — and both are won nine golds at the 1984 Olym-

pic Games in Los Angeles.

Egyptian boxers are now likely to dominate an African team to be chosen this week for the World Cup tournament in Belgrade in October.

Kenyan featherweight John Wanjan, an experienced international campaigner, made short work of Madagascar's southpaw Rapotomanga Herito. He dropped him in the second round and the referee stopped the fight.

There were only two tight decisions for the Kenyans. Local bantamweight hero Stephen Mwema won a split decision over Zimbabwe's Dube Ndaba and the judges were also divided in giving victory over Zairean Kadima (one name only) to super-heavyweight Chris Odera whose bulk hides dazzling fast hands and feet.

Light flyweight Maurice Maina, light-weight Patrick Waweru, light welterweight David Kamau, welterweight Robert Napuni and light middleweight Mohammad Orungi all won easily.

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Tournament director Jim Westhall said organisers hoped to eventually stage finals for in both the singles and doubles, which was to have followed, depending on player availability and other considerations.

"We've been down this road before," he said, recalling a 57-day break for a 1982 final when finally defeated Spain's Jose Higueras for his first U.S. Grand Prix title.

"We have a lot of scheduling to look at but we plan to hold the finals... somewhere, some time," he said.

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## U.S. excels in track, swimming, basketball at Pan Am Games; Cuba dominates weightlifting

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Greg Louganis hasn't forgotten what it's like to be well prepared for a final exam. He had the same kind of feeling heading into the 3-metre springboard championships at the Pan American Games and passed the test with style.

The 27-year-old American won easily, amassing 754.14 points, just short of the record he set in 1983. U.S. teammate Doug Shaffer finished second with 684.39 and Jose Rocha of Mexico was third.

"I was just pleased with my performance, period," Louganis, of Boca Raton, Florida, said. "You can go back and analyse it and say it could have been a half-a-point here or half-a-point there (to break the world mark), but I don't generally look back. I look ahead."

What Louganis has to look forward to now is this weekend's platform competition. He won both the 3-metre and platform dives at the 1979 and 1983 Pan Am Games and will try for a six-medal sweep on Sunday.

Louganis' performance highlighted a day in which the Americans continued to excel in track and field, swimming and basketball, while Cuba extended its domination of weightlifting and won another baseball game in pursuit of its fifth straight Pan Am title.

**Weightlifting**

Cuba continued its domination of weightlifting as featherweights Gabriel Ensenat and Julio Loscos each won three gold medals, sharing first-place in the 60-kilogramme class because they lifted the same totals and had identical body weights before the competition began.

Raul Mora also won three gold medals in the lightweight class. "We have a lot of scheduling to look at but we plan to hold the finals... somewhere, some time," he said.

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fication to hike Cuba's medal harvest in weightlifting to 16 gold, one silver and one bronze.

### Track and field

The U.S. won five gold medals in track and field, with Lee McRae of the University of Pittsburgh taking the men's 100-metre dash in the absence of injured American champion Mark Witherspoon; Gail Devers, of UCLA winning the women's 100; and Mike Conley of Fayetteville, Arkansas, capturing the triple jump over world record holder Willie Banks.

Jud Logan won the hammer throw with a Pan Am-record heave of 233 feet, 5 inches (77 metre 11 cm.), and Cindy Greiner of Eugene, Oregon, set a meet record of 6.184 points in the heptathlon.

### Swimming

Sixteen-year-old Silvia Poll of Costa Rica and John Witchell of the United States became the first double-winners in swimming. Americans Jerry Frentos and Dorsey Tierney also won gold medals.

Poll, who won the women's 100-freestyle to give her country its first-ever Pan Am gold medal on Sunday, took the 200-freestyle Monday in a personal best 2:00.02.

Witchell, of New York, won his first gold medal Sunday in the 200-freestyle. He got his second on Monday, anchoring the Americans' winning 800-freestyle relay team.

Frentos, of Cincinnati, Ohio, won the men's 400-individual medley, beating U.S. teammate Jeff Prior of Philadelphia. Tierney, of Louisville, Kentucky, won the women's 200-breaststroke.

At day's end, the U.S. had extended its lead in total medals

to 72-38 over Cuba, including 34 gold to Cuba's 20. Canada was third with 31 medals; three of them gold.

### Basketball

Danny Manning, Rex Chapman and Willie Anderson each scored 11 points as the U.S. pounded Argentina 85-58 to extend its winning streak to 31 games in Pan Am competition. David Robinson added 10 points for the Americans, who broke the game open with a 12-2-spurt early in the second half.

Argentina defeated the U.S. 74-70 in the 1986 World Championships but played without four players from that team because of a monetary dispute.

Brazil crushed Uruguay 110-79, Panama edged Mexico 86-80 and Canada defeated the U.S. Virgin Islands 92-78 in other men's games.

### Baseball

Cuba, which has won the last four Pan Am baseball titles, improved its record to 2-0 with a 1-0 shutout of Puerto Rico. Left-hander Pablo Abreu pitched a one-hitter and Antonio Pacheco hit a first-inning home run.

Nicaragua beat the Netherlands 5-0 and Canada defeated Venezuela 8-4 in other games.

### Rhythmic gymnastics

The first gold medal in rhythmic gymnastics, a sport featuring athletes dancing and tumbling while handling small hand equipment, went to Lourdes Medina of Cuba.

Medina, of Cincinnati, Ohio, won the men's 400-individual medley, beating U.S. teammate Jeff Prior of Philadelphia. Tierney, of Louisville, Kentucky, won the women's 200-breaststroke.

Mary Fisezi of Canada won the bronze medal.

Panamanian fans doesn't worry me at the time of the fight, because I know that in Panama they know boxing."

"If there had been any fear we wouldn't have accepted the commitment," Chams added.

Zapata, 28, and the number 1 flyweight contender, has won 35 of his 41 fights, 12 by knockout.

Lockridge seeks \$1m. bout with McGuigan

BRIAN (AP) — Rocky Lockridge, the new International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-featherweight champion, has urged Irishman Barry McGuigan to keep his diary clear for a \$1 million fight later this year.

But McGuigan hinted in British press reports that he may never box again, saying he was still stunned by the death of his father.

Lockridge, 28, from Mt Laurel, N.J., Sunday night stopped Australia's Barry Michael in eight rounds at a night club in Windsor, west of London, to win a version of the 130-pound title for the second time.

He was World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight titlist from February, 1984, until May, 1985.

Michael, 32, making his fourth defense of the title he won in July, 1985, announced his retirement soon after failing to answer the bell for the start of the ninth of the scheduled 15 rounds.

South Korea agreed last year to let Pyongyang stage the full programme of table tennis and archery, and parts of cycling and soccer.

Chin was quoted as saying North Korea wanted to discuss the proposal with South Korea before the next Olympic talks between the two sides, scheduled for September 17.

"If the South Korean side opposes even this new flexible proposal of ours, this will make clear before the people of the world that the South Korean side tries to use the Olympic Games for its insidious political aim," Chin said.

"I told him I was very keen for the fight too," Lockridge said at a news conference before leaving.

"I was devastated by the death of my father," McGuigan was quoted as saying. "He was my inspiration and I don't know if I could do it all again without him. It's too early to talk about a

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## Brazilian gamblers cash in on Mansell's bad luck

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Racing driver Nigel Mansell's bad luck in Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix proved a good omen for superstitious Brazilian gamblers.

Illegal numbers game rackets in Rio de Janeiro were surprised by the unusually high proportion of bets placed for no apparent reason on what turned out to be Monday's winning 69. But after racking their brains

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## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Tuesday.

One Sterling	1.5665/75	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3286/91	Canadian dollar
	1.8952/60	West German marks
	2.1340/50	Dutch guilders
	1.5750/60	Swiss francs
39.36/39	36.3175/3225	Belgian francs
1373/1374	131.60/70	French francs
151.60/70	150.50/50	Italian lira
6.5900/50	6.9025/75	Japanese yen
6.9025/75	7.2600/50	Swedish crowns
7.2600/50	7.2600/50	Norwegian crowns
One ounce of gold	463.10/463.60	Danish crowns
		U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The London stock market stood at the day's highs in late trading as initial confusion over U.K. balance of payments data for June turned to relief that the data had not shown as big a current account deficit as most had predicted.

At 1403 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was 33.9 points higher at 1,776.1. Dealers stressed volume had been modest after a fairly active morning as analysts continued to mull over the figures.

A strong rise on Wall Street on Tuesday, after Monday's record close, coupled with much better than expected half-year figures from General Accident, were a strong impetus. General Accident was up 30p to 1,034 while market leader ICI rose 21p to 1,522.

Mick Knight, share analyst with James Capel, said: "Although the trade data came within expectations and there are fears that the deficit trend is established, the market was relieved that the figure was not too bad."

Knight raised the question troubling many in the markets as to why Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson sanctioned a rise in U.K. base lending rates last week.

Wood Mackenzie analyst Bob Semple said: "There are still a lot of significant U.K. indicators to come in the next 10 days."

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

## FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Early morning confusion, over which course of action is best will give way to an exceptional clarity of view. If you choose correctly, great success can be achieved today.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't let the needling of a higher-up distract your morning routine. A valuable new contact should be encouraged.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Put aside new ideas for the time being and attend to work which has been left on the "back burner" for far too long.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A close friend has some good ideas which can help you advance in the business world, if they're recognized.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Cooperation with co-workers will make a great impression on those higher-ups who can give you success.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A change of attitude and a kind and thoughtful demeanor toward your mate will bring some truly fine results.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An older family friend can be most helpful in any problematical affairs. If entertaining, invite only trustworthy friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Jot down notes this morning concerning your wishes and ideas, as your memory may be less than perfect later today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Give special attention to your financial situation. You may find that advice from an expert is in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Recruit some good friends for a pleasurable outing. Give some attention to your appearance tonight.

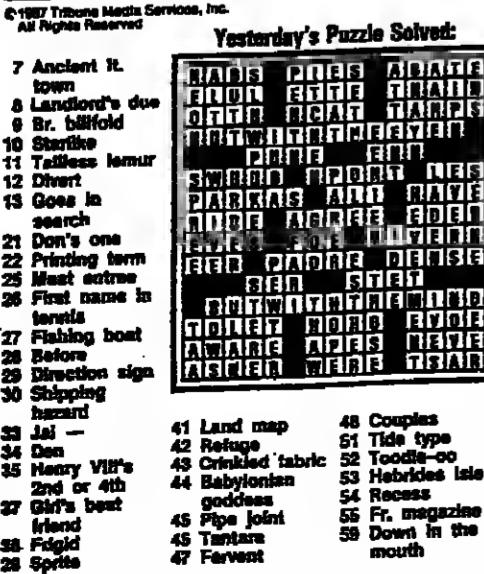
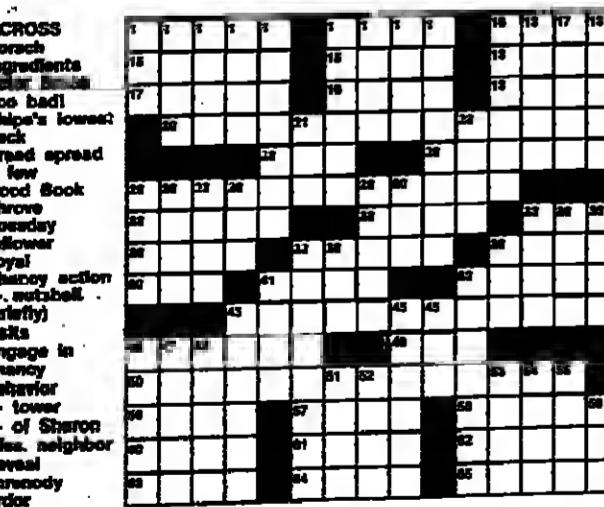
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think less about pleasing yourself and more about helping those around you, especially your relatives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A short trip with a good friend would be very good for your attitude, and would also be a boon to business.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some old friends who you haven't seen for some time would brighten up the mood around your home, so invite them.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be able to easily combine modern advances with the tried and true methods of the past, but may not think very clearly at a young age. Be patient with your child and he or she will be very happy with life and well prepared to start his or her own family.

## THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth White



## Swedish, Swiss engineering giants combine operations

BADEN, Switzerland (AP) — BBC-Brown, Boveri and Co. A.G. of Switzerland and ASEA A.B. of Sweden, two leading engineering companies, announced Monday they will combine operations as of next Jan. 1.

Managements of both companies have approved the combination, in which each parent will retain 50 per cent ownership, a statement from the Swiss company's headquarters said. The agreement is subject to approval by stockholders of both companies, it said.

The new international industrial group, to be called ASEA Brown Boveri, will have projected annual sales of 24 billion Swiss francs (\$15.3 billion) and a combined workforce of some 160,000, the statement said.

Several ASEA subsidiaries were excluded from the pact — Electrolux, Esab, Silda, Skandivisika Elverk and Haeggland.

## Analysts predict oil prices to fall below OPEC target

TOKYO (R) — The cost of oil looks set to fall below prices set by OPEC as an oversupply of crude exerts more influence on the market than fears of political upheaval in the Middle East, oil traders say.

News that a U.S.-operated oil tanker hit a mine floating outside the Gulf on Monday and that a U.S. navy jet fired a missile at an Iranian target on Saturday failed to reverse a week-long slide in oil prices, they said.

People are fairly acclimated to Gulf incidents now, so this news was just shrugged off," said a Japanese refiner.

"Everyone in the world is bearish at the moment. They are all looking at too much oil and the mood is definitely downward," said a trader for a major European oil company.

The most traded Mideast crude, fell through \$17.50 a barrel on the spot market, where oil is traded that is not linked to long-term contracts. Traders said its official selling price of \$17.42,

## Exxon agrees to buy Goodyear's Celeron unit for \$650 million

AKRON, Ohio (R) — Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. agreed Monday to sell its Celeron Corp. oil and gas unit to Exxon Corp. for \$650 million to reduce debt incurred in fighting off last year's takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith.

Celeron's holdings in California and adjacent state and federal waters will boost Exxon's proved reserves by the equivalent of over 100 million barrels of oil. Houston-based Exxon is the world's biggest oil company.

Goodyear, the world's largest tire maker, said in early November that it would sell Celeron to help finance its defensive restructuring after the Anglo-French financier built up an 11.5 per cent stake in the Akron-based firm. He later made a \$4.7 billion bid for the company.

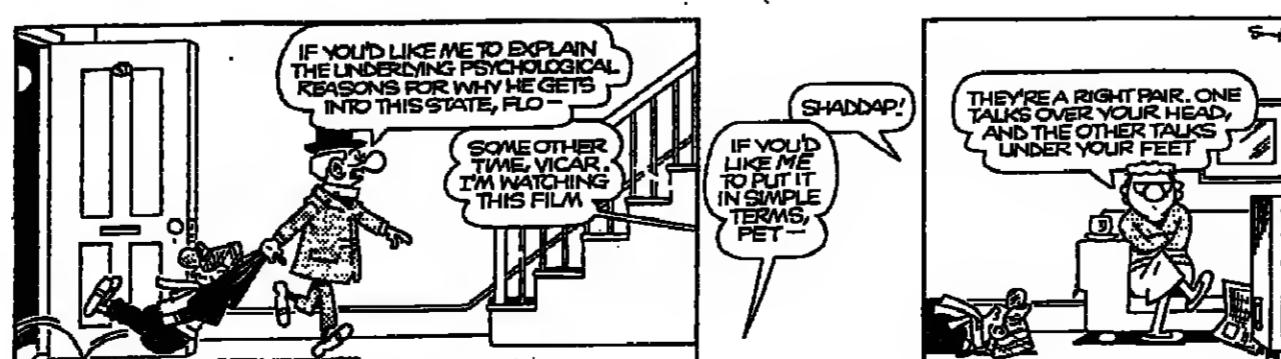
## Peanuts



## Mutt'n' Jeff



## Andy Capp



## Sudan makes token payment to IMF

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sudan may be on its way back to more normal relations with the world financial community after making a token payment of \$5 million on the \$153 million it owes the International Monetary Fund (IMF), an international source said Monday.

The East African country owes about \$12 billion abroad. Interest payments amount to \$800 million a year, about half the cost of the 4-year-old civil war that has wracked the country.

Japan's efforts to transform its export-oriented economy to one more dependent on domestic demand are finally paying off, said the official of the ministry of international trade and industry, who asked not to be named.

Japan has been under pressure from overseas to reduce its trade surplus by expanding domestic demand and absorbing more imports. The trade surplus in fiscal 1986 was \$101 billion. The 1987 fiscal year ends in March.

The World Bank estimates average income in Sudan at \$330 a year. Foreign sources say inflation is over 100 per cent. The population of more than 21 million includes about a million foreign refugees, according to the United Nations.

On Friday, Sudan presented its economic plans to a closed-door meeting of the executive directors who represent the 151 countries in the fund.

Their support is necessary if it is to get loans from individual governments that will enable it to pay enough on its arrears to the fund and to its sister organization, the World Bank, so that they will lift their suspension of help.

That process could take several months, the sources said.

Some oil traders said buying might reappear at the official price level so that buyers could build stocks ahead of a possible OPEC price rise at the end of the year.

Others said spot prices could drop more than \$1 below official levels before restocking took place.

Firm spot prices over the last few months, mainly due to an OPEC price and production agreement, had raised expectations OPEC would lift its official reference price to around \$20 at the end of the year from \$18 now.

But OPEC output is now estimated to be exceeding its self-assigned ceiling by nearly two million barrels per day, leading to fears of substantial oversupply.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 43.84 points to a record 2,635.84, the eighth-biggest single session gain in the market's history.

The broad-based rally, led by the surging technology stocks, gathered momentum in the afternoon as investors snatched up stock groups, such as banks, which had missed out on previous rallies.

"Everyone just jumped on the bandwagon," said analyst Hildegarde Zagorski of Prudential-Bache Securities.

On the broader market, advancing shares outnumbered decliners 1,151 to 459. Trading volume fell to 187,200,000 shares compared with 212,600,000 shares Friday.

Since the beginning of the year, the Dow Jones has gained more than 740 points. Its previous record high, set last Thursday, was 2,594.23.

The technology group has provided much of the strength in the recent rallies. Among the leaders, IBM was up 2 1/4 at 166 3/4, Digital Equipment Corp rose 4 1/4 to 175 and Unisys was up 7/8 to 45 3/4.

Many of the big gainers, however, came from groups that have been lagging in earlier rallies.

## Tokyo expects 25 per cent reduction in trade surplus

TOKYO (R) — The Japanese government has estimated the country will cut its trade surplus by about 25 per cent in the current fiscal year, a senior trade official said Tuesday.

They further warned that Japan's neighbours benefited more from the change in the trade balance than America and that friction could continue with Japan's largest trading partner.

Even though the dollar is more than 40 per cent weaker against the yen than it was two years ago, the United States is slower to respond to meet new demand here than Japan's Asian neighbours, said Mr. Takashi Kiuchi, senior economist for the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan.

The United States also has trouble in tying with South East Asian countries in supplying Japan with basic manufactured goods such as clothing, food and furniture, he said.

## Drop in trade surplus may not help U.S.

Meanwhile, Japan showed further proof Monday that its huge trade surplus was diminishing, but economists were sceptical that this would be of any benefit to the United States, Japan's major trade critic.

Japan reported that the surplus in trade that cleared customs in July was \$6.99 billion, compared with \$8.19 billion a year earlier.

Exports were up about five per cent to a record \$20 billion, but imports surged 21 per cent to \$13 billion, the third highest level on the book.

Although economists agree that Japan's surplus appears to be shrinking, they cautioned that any change would be gradual this year and that the over-billion-dollar drop for July was out of line.

## Reagan names Verity to replace Baldridge as commerce secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan said Monday he would nominate Mr. C. William Verity Jr., a retired steel company executive, to replace the late Malcolm Baldridge as U.S. commerce secretary.

President Reagan said Mr. Verity "shares my commitment to free and fair trade" and urged his prompt confirmation by the Senate when Congress returns from its August recess.

Mr. Baldridge, 64, who played a leading role in forging the Reagan administration's trade policy, died July 25 in a horse riding accident while practicing for a rodeo exhibition at a ranch in northern California.

Mr. Verity, 70, of Middletown, Ohio, retired in 1982 as chairman of Armcro Inc. He declined to answer record set last Thursday, was 2,594.23.

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"I'm happy to have this opportunity at a historic time in international trade," Mr. Verity said.

In 1981, Mr. Verity drew praise from President Reagan as chairman of the 44-member president's task force on private sector initiatives, a panel designed to

promote voluntary action to offset cutbacks in social programmes.

Like Baldridge, Mr. Verity has a strong business background, credentials Reagan administration officials said were important for a post widely viewed as the business community's major voice within the government.

Mr. Verity served in 1984 as co-chairman of the U.S.-USSR Trade and Economic Council, a private organization of U.S. and Soviet executives that advocates expanded trade between the United States and the Soviet Union.

He also chastised the government for not taking more action against foreign "dumping" of steel in U.S. markets at below-production costs.

Mr. Verity's apparent selection ended two weeks of speculation on a successor for Baldridge. If confirmed, he will take over from Deputy Commerce Secretary Clarence Brown, a former Ohio Republican congressman, who was named acting secretary upon Baldridge's death.

Baldridge's death had left the Reagan administration without a key player on trade issues at a time of crucial negotiations with Congress. He had been the administration's advance man in dealing with Congress on major veto-threatened trade legislation. It has passed the House and the Senate in different versions and is now before a House-Senate conference committee that will have to fashion a compromise.

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## THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



## JUMBLE. by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

## 14 injured as black miners continue strike in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Clashes broke out at several South African mines Tuesday where hundreds of thousands of black workers began a strike on Sunday night. Union officials and management blamed each other for the violence.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), the giant black union which called the strike at white-controlled gold and coal mines, said 14 miners were injured Monday in mines at Kirov and Bracken, south east of Johannesburg.

The spokesman, Marcel Golding, said the workers were injured when mine security personnel tried to force them into the mines to work.

Union officials also reported violence and an unknown number of casualties at mines near Welkom, south west of Johannesburg, where miners who refused to strike armed themselves with pangas (machetes) and clashed with strikers and security guards.

Anglo American Corporation, the giant mining house which employs 200,000 workers, accused the NUM of "disturbing incidents of intimidation" against non-strikers at 10 mines.

Anglo American added that support for the strike had not diminished overnight.

The NUM, buoyed by the

backing it has received in launching South Africa's biggest industrial strike, said 340,000 workers in 44 mines were on strike even though only 200,000 were called out.

The Chamber of Mines, representing the main mining houses which form the foundation of the mineral-dependent South African economy, said between 220,000 and 230,000 workers were on strike, seriously affecting 31 mines.

The NUM, the biggest union in South Africa, is demanding a 30 per cent wage increase, danger pay and has vowed not to call off the action until it wins.

The companies are equally adamant in refusing to improve an offer of salary increases of up to 23.4 per cent. Neither side has moved to reopen negotiations.

So far the government, aware that gold and coal account for more than half the country's export revenues, has not intervened beyond threatening action against intimidation of non-strikers.

State-run South African Radio,

## Six killed, 16 injured as rock hits U.S. tour bus

WINTER PARK, Colorado (R) — A boulder dislodged by road workers plunged down a mountain and into the side of a Rocky Mountain tour bus, killing six people and injuring 16 others, authorities said.

"It looked like an explosion ripped the side of the bus apart. I've never seen one this bad," Sgt. Larry Tolar of the Colorado State Patrol said.

Six of the injured were hospitalised Monday, five of them with serious injuries. Others were treated for minor injuries and released.

Grand County Coroner Dave Schoenfeld said two of the dead were Australians whose names were being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Schoenfeld said the other four were U.S. citizens.

Marcus Lang, 23, of West Germany; Douglas Mackenzie, 67, of Canada; and two Americans were hospitalised in critical condition. A third American was in serious condition, hospital officials said.

## Vessey: Hanoi suggests some MIAs might be in S.E. Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vietnam insists it does not have any Americans missing in action from the war but suggests it is possible there are some elsewhere in South East Asia, presidential envoy John W. Vessey Jr. has said.

Vessey, a four-star general and former chairman of Joint Chiefs of staff, said he would not speculate on whether there are Americans being held against their will in Vietnam.

"I don't know whether there are any there. There are certainly all sorts of evidence to show that some might be there, but yet it has been a long time since the end of the war," Vessey said.

Vessey talked with reporters at the White House after briefing President Ronald Reagan on his three days of talks in Hanoi with Vietnamese officials on the POW-MIA issue. Vessey was appointed Reagan's special envoy on the matter last January.

He said the United States and Vietnam agreed that Hanoi will accelerate its efforts to find missing Americans or their remains.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
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Q—I can think of no simpler convention in bridge than Blackwood. However, I am amazed at how many times we end up in the wrong contract after we have asked for aces. What are we doing wrong? — A.W., Knoxville, Tenn.

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Blackwood is probably more useful for staying out of slams than for bidding them. The convention should be applied only if you need to know how many aces partner holds, and nothing else, to decide whether or not to bid a slam.

If you are going to use Blackwood, be sure that you are safe at whatever level partner's response will carry you to. You must be particularly careful when your suit is a minor. Thus if your agreed suit is clubs and you have just one ace, stay away from Blackwood. Why? Because if partner has only one ace

too, his response of five diamonds might take you out of your depth.

Don't ask for aces if, should partner's response show you are missing only one ace, you do not intend bidding a slam. That is particularly true when you have two fast losers in a suit. If from the response you find out your side lacks an ace, you won't be sure whether the uppointer can or can't take the first two tricks.

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